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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

- (Currently amended) A method for treating reducing a number of non-inflammatory acne 1. lesions comprising the step of topically applying a dermatological composition to the noninflammatory acne lesions, wherein said dermatological composition comprises an active agent, and the active agent consists essentially of dapsone Dapsone.
- 2-3. (Cancelled).
- (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition comprises 4. dissolved dapsone and microparticulate dapsone.
- 5-6. (Cancelled).
- 7. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition is a semisolid aqueous gel.
- 8. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition is a cream.
- 9. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition is a lotion.
- (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition is a 10. suspension.
- (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition is an 11. ointment.
- (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition is a spray. 12.

13. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein said dermatological composition further comprises an additive selected from the group consisting of a preservative, an antioxidant, a

fragrance, a colorant, and a sunscreen.

14. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition is a

semisolid aqueous gel.

15. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition is a cream.

16. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition is a lotion.

17. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition is a solution.

18. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition is an

ointment.

19. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition is a spray.

20. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition further

comprises an additive selected from the group consisting of a preservative, an antioxidant, a

fragrance, a colorant, and a sunscreen.

21. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition comprises

3% dapsone.

22. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said dermatological composition comprises

5% dapsone.

23-24. (Cancelled).

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- 25. (Cancelled).
- 26. (Cancelled).
- 27. (Currently amended) A method for treating non-inflammatory acne comprising topically applying a dermatological composition to the non-inflammatory acne, wherein said dermatological composition comprises dapsone, wherein said dapsone is applied no more than once a day.
- 28. (Previously presented) A method for treating non-inflammatory acne comprising topically applying a dermatological composition to the non-inflammatory acne, wherein said dermatological composition comprises dapsone, wherein the non-inflammatory acne is reduced at least 45%.
- 29. (Previously presented) A method for treating non-inflammatory acne comprising topically applying a dermatological composition to the non-inflammatory acne, wherein said dermatological composition comprises dapsone, wherein the efficacy for treating non-inflammatory acne is inverse to the efficacy for treating inflammatory acne.
- 30. (Cancelled).
- 31. (Previously presented) A method for treating non-inflammatory acne comprising (a) identifying non-inflammatory acne; and (b) topically applying a dermatological composition to the non-inflammatory acne, wherein said dermatological composition comprises an active agent and the active agent consists essentially of dapsone.